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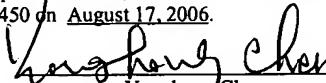
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1. DE 101 40 630 A1 (English abstract provided)
2. DE 103 08 542 A1 (has English-language equivalent application US 2003/0159455 A1)
3. DE 37 04 182 A1 (English abstract provided)

4. US 2,185,022
5. DE 101 56 944 A1 (English abstract provided)
6. DE 195 30 609 A1 (English abstract provided)

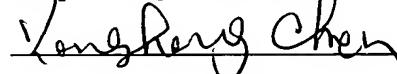
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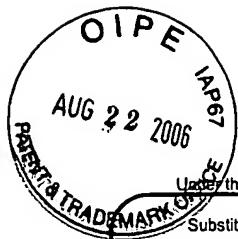
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## **U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	Type of Document
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		DE 101 40 630 A1	02-27-2003	Bayerische Motoren Werke AG		
		DE 103 08 542 A1	09-11-2003	Denso Corp.		
		DE 37 04 182 A1	08-25-1988	Forschungszentrum fuer Kaeltet		
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